

## Choose Your Sampling Site(s).

You may choose any surface waterbody that is of interest to you. This could be a lake, pond, wetland, slough, river, stream, creek, irrigation canal, ditch or reservoir.

*\*If you are going to sample on private land, obtain permission from the landowner before accessing the site.*

Make sure you record where you are sampling, using **one or more** of the techniques below, so that you can share this information with us:

### Summary

- b. Choose** one or more surface waterbodies that are of interest to you
- c. Decide** where you are going to sample along each waterbody (you may sample more than one location on a waterbody)
- d. Record** your sampling location on the field data sheet (record in *Additional Comments* or on the online Data Entry Forms).
- e. Consider your safety.** If you cannot safely sample the water at your sample site, select another location.

- Use the interactive watershed map, at [www.awqa.ca](http://www.awqa.ca) to locate your site. Access the map by clicking on *Data Entry* and then entering your login name and password.
- Mark your sampling site on the map provided on the *online Data Entry Form* or your own map. Make sure you label the site to match your field data sheet. *For example, if you name your site AWQA Rocks on your field data sheet, make sure you also label the site on your map AWQA ROCKS.* You will need to transfer this information to the interactive watershed map before July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Record the legal land description of your sampling site on your field data sheet.
- Take and record the GPS coordinates of your sampling location on your field data sheet.

**Do not compromise safety in order to collect a sample!** The most important aspect of choosing a sample location is **SAFETY**.